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General Counsel's Office  
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Washington, D.C. 20463

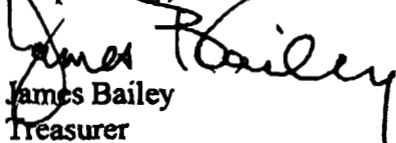
Re: Complaint MUR 5488

Dear Ms. Smith:

I hereby request a 30-day extension of time in which to respond to the aforementioned complaint. I understand that Brad Smith, under separate cover, has mailed you a letter also requesting an extension. The reasons for this request are: (1) Mr. Smith is currently on vacation following his defeat in the August 3rd primary election, (2) Neither I, or Mr. Smith has obtained legal counsel.

Please note that I the Treasurer, and Mr. Smith vigorously deny the allegations in the complaint. Finally, I authorize Mr. Smith or any legal counsel designated by him to communicate on my behalf to the FEC.

Respectfully,

  
James Bailey  
Treasurer

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